

tribute to Chula Mori, who died at St. Helena Hospital in Angwin, California, March 28, 2003. Chula, a treasured member of Napa County, California, died at the age of 55 after a courageous battle with cancer. Chula was diagnosed with breast cancer 21 years ago, and then in June 2002, with brain, liver and lung cancer.

As Head Teacher in the Napa County Office of Education's Napa Child Development Center, Chula dedicated her life to educating young children. An extraordinary teacher and a kind-hearted, loving person, Chula was also someone her students could trust and depend on. One of her great joys was when former students, grown with children of their own, would rush up to give her hugs when they would run in to her out in the community.

Many of the students enrolled in the Napa Child Development Center come from broken homes and disadvantaged circumstances. Though just preschoolers, Chula's students often carried the weight of neglect and discouragement on their small shoulders. Often, Chula's class served as a port in the storm. She made her students feel safe, loved and appreciated.

For over 27 years Chula educated the kids in our community. Yet, ironically, I believe the greatest lessons she taught may have been outside the classroom. Lying in a hospital bed at St. Helena Hospital in Angwin, California, Chula was an incredible example to her friends and loved ones of how to live and how to die with dignity.

Mr. Speaker, Chula's influence is easily seen throughout our community. Whether on the faces of her own two children and three grandchildren or in the hearts of countless former students, Chula's impact can never be erased nor will it fade. Those of us who knew her well are better because we knew her well. For these reasons and countless others it is appropriate at this time that we recognize and honor Chula Mori, who lived her life as a blessing to others.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN AND CARMEN ROSA ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John A. Rosa and Carmen T. Rosa who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 22nd 2003. I take great pride in honoring these two remarkable individuals for their enduring dedication to one another and to the community in which they reside.

Mr. Rosa was born on September 7, 1929, in New York City and his wife Mrs. Rosa was born May 17, 1936. They were married on August 22, 1953, at St. John Chrysostom in the Bronx. Mr. Rosa, a Korean War Veteran, worked with the Art Steele Company in the Bronx, first as purchasing manager and later as export manager before retiring in 1985. In addition to being a devoted housewife and mother, Mrs. Rosa worked in the healthcare industry primarily in the area of patient care. She also made time to be an active member of the Parent Teacher Association at P.S. 59 and 69.

Mr. Speaker, this union that began 50 years ago has brought about nine lives spanning two generations. The Rosas have four children including Manuel; Vivian, Teresa and Sally. In addition, they are now the proud grandparents of Jonathan, Michael, Justin, Andres and Adrianna.

Marriage is no easy feat. It is a union that demands commitment and sacrifice from both parties if it is to succeed. The Rosas' ability to make this union last for 50 years is quite remarkable and demonstrates the strong love they possess for one another.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. and Mrs. John A. Rosa on their 50th anniversary and in wishing them many more years together.

TRIBUTE TO STAFF SGT. MARK LAWTON

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I stand before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to the life of a brave citizen from my district. Army Staff Sergeant Mark Lawton of Hayden, Colorado was taken from us while serving his country in Iraq. His sacrifice for this grateful nation will not be forgotten. I am truly humbled to honor him here before you today.

As a young man, Mark was an excellent athlete and ran track for Moffat County High School. Prior to his service with the Army Reserves, Mark spent 14 years in the Marine Corps, serving in the first Gulf War. In his civilian life, Mark worked for a local coal company as a heavy equipment operator. Most importantly, he was a family man who leaves behind a wife and two sons. While his family's feelings of loss and sorrow are deep, they can take solace in the fact that Mark died in the service of the people and ideals of our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot fully express my deep sense of gratitude for Mark's sacrifice and that of his family. Staff Sergeant Lawton displayed the strength of character and loyalty to his country that makes America and its citizens great. Throughout our history, men and women in uniform have fought for our freedom with distinction and courage. At the dawn of this new century, the United States military has once again been called upon to defend our freedom against a new and emerging threat. Mark has done all Americans proud, and I know he has the respect and admiration of all of my colleagues here today. He will be truly missed.

HONORING DR. JAMES POTTS, PH.D.

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James Potts, who has dedicated his life to educating those around him. He is now celebrating an extraordinary milestone, his 50th year of teaching. Much of that time has

been spent teaching at Bethel College in McKenzie, Tennessee.

Jim served his country in the United States Navy during World War II, then took the opportunities available to him through the G.I. Bill to earn his degree. In 1953, Jim began his teaching career at Grayville High School in Illinois, where he taught until 1955.

In the fall of 1955, Jim enrolled in Peabody College, now part of Vanderbilt University, where he earned his Ph.D., while also teaching at Belmont University in Nashville. After finishing his course work in 1957, Jim joined the faculty at Eastern Kentucky State University. After leaving Kentucky in 1961, Jim joined the staff at the University of Virginia, where he taught until 1964.

That year, Jim married his wife Carolyn and, realizing the difference he could make at a smaller institution, began his tenure at Bethel College. Having taught there for almost 40 years now, Jim has the longest continuous service record among Bethel faculty members. He is greatly admired by his colleagues and current and former students for his skillful teaching and his commitment to education and his dedication to Bethel College. Jim has taught many courses at Bethel College, but he is perhaps most admired for his dedication to history, specifically his courses in History of the South, American Economic History and American Political Parties.

Fifty years is an incredible milestone for any teacher to reach, but Jim is not content to end his notable career there. He plans to teach as long as he is able, and I am confident he will continue to touch the lives of many students, as he has done for five decades.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring an exceptional educator and an outstanding citizen, Dr. James Potts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, after a review of the votes from July 25, 2003, I noticed I inadvertently voted against the Toomey amendment to H.R. 2859 (Rollcall No. 458). That was a mistake on my part due to my distraction with other legislative business during that particular series of votes. I wish to state for the record that I support the Toomey amendment and wish to be recorded as voting "aye."

TRIBUTE TO VORN JAMES MACK

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of a courageous young man, Private First Class Vorn James Mack of Orangeburg, South Carolina who recently passed away while valiantly serving his country in Iraq.

Vorn Mack was a 2002 graduate of Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School in Orangeburg, South Carolina. While at Orangeburg-